

FEBRUARY 14, 1845.

Read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. J. P. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following bill :

**A BILL**

To appropriate moneys for the erection of marine hospitals on the western rivers and lakes, and for the purchase of a site at Baltimore.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated,  
4       out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury, to be expend-  
5       ed, or so much thereof as may be necessary, under the direction  
6       of the Secretary of the Treasury, in the erection of marine hos-  
7       pitals for the relief of sick or disabled sailors and boatmen, to  
8       wit :

9       Twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection of a marine  
10      hospital at Cleveland, on lake Erie, in the State of Ohio ;

11      Twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection of a marine  
12      hospital at Pittsburg, in Pennsylvania ;

13      Twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection of a marine  
14      hospital at Louisville, in Kentucky ;

15      Twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection of a marine

16 hospital at Paducah, in Kentucky: *Provided*, That no part of  
 17 this appropriation for a hospital at Paducah be expended until  
 18 the Secretary of the Treasury be satisfied that the title to the  
 19 site for said hospital, heretofore purchased by the government,  
 20 be perfect and free from all dispute;

21 Twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection of a hospital  
 22 at the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, upon the lots re-  
 23 served to the government in said city of Chicago; if, in the  
 24 opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury and of the Secretary of  
 25 War, the said reserved lots contain an eligible site for said ma-  
 26 rine hospital, and the erecting of the same thereon shall not ob-  
 27 struct or be prejudicial to the purposes for which the said lots  
 28 were originally reserved.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the  
 2 Treasury is hereby authorized, if he shall deem it expedient, to  
 3 make arrangements with the trustees of the Rush Medical Col-  
 4 lege at Chicago, for medical attendance at said hospital, on such  
 5 terms and conditions as he may believe to be conducive to the  
 6 public service, and the advantage of said hospital.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That twelve thousand  
 2 dollars be, and the same are in like manner, appropriated for the  
 3 purchase of a site for a marine hospital in or near the city of  
 4 Baltimore; the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary,  
 5 to be expended under the direction and superintendence of the  
 6 Secretary of the Treasury; and the said Secretary of the Treas-

7 ury is hereby directed, upon making such purchase, to cause a  
8 plan for the construction of suitable buildings for said marine  
9 hospital, together with estimates of the cost thereof, to be made;  
10 and that he report the same to Congress at its next session there-  
11 after.

1       SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of  
2 the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to revise the plans  
3 and estimates heretofore made for the construction of the build-  
4 ings referred to in this act, if in his judgment it shall appear  
5 that the said plans may be improved and the estimates reduced.